



Uttar Pradesh Leather and Footwear Policy-2025

Why in News?

The **Uttar Pradesh government** is set to approve the **Leather and Footwear Policy-2025**.

Key Points

- **About the Policy:**
 - **Objective:**
 - To increase **production capacity**.
 - Encouraging **exports and enhancing global brand presence**.
 - To make the state **economically strong** by increasing **revenue**. To realize the vision of making Uttar Pradesh an "**enterprise state**".
 - **Strategic Initiatives:**
 - **Kanpur** will be given a **central role** in this regional development strategy.
 - This will boost regional development in cities like **Agra, Kanpur, Unnao, Lucknow** and **Bareilly**.
 - **Promotion of private industrial parks:**
 - Incentives such as **capital subsidy** and **100% per cent stamp duty exemption** to private investors.
 - It is mandatory to develop all parks within **5 years**.
 - At least **25% of the land** must be reserved for green and open areas.
 - Each entity (plant, cluster or park) will have to make a minimum investment of **Rs 150-200 crore**.
 - One unit is likely to generate **1,000 to 3,000 employment opportunities**.
- **Current Scenario:**
 - Uttar Pradesh has a **46% share** in the total leather exported from India.
 - **Agra** is considered the **footwear capital** and **Kanpur, the global hub for safety footwear and leather goods**.
- **Importance:**
 - This policy will help Uttar Pradesh to emerge as an **industrial hub in line with the "Make in India"** and **"Local to Global"** initiatives.

Make in India

- **Introduction:**
 - **Launched in 2014**, Make in India aims to transform the country into a leading global manufacturing and investment destination.
 - This campaign was launched to facilitate investments, promote innovation and skill development, protect intellectual property and build best-in-class manufacturing infrastructure.
- **Goal:**
 - To increase the growth rate of the manufacturing sector to **12-14% per annum**.
 - To create **100 million additional manufacturing jobs by 2022 (revised date 2025)**.
 - To increase the contribution of the manufacturing sector to **GDP to 25% by the year 2025**.

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